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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

The Examiner of the Japan Patent Office has cited paragraph [0017] - paragraph [0020] of Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-40937, and it is equivalent to line 56 of page 14 - line 9 of page 18 of EP 0 472 467 A2. Also, the Examiner of the Japan Patent Office has cited paragraph [0022] - paragraph [0033] of Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-90745, and it is equivalent to line 34 of page 6 - line 16 of page 10 of EP 0 477 050 A2.

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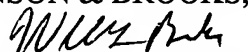
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